

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE MEDLIN, PRESIDENT 2002 PRESIDING

March 18, 2002

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 18, 2002, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board President.

Sheriff Department Bailiff Nick Parrott was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk
Sheriff James Albert Riley-----Sheriff
David Armstrong-----County Administrator
Bobby Chamberlin & Bill Austin-----Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin presented the invocation.

C. PUBLIC HEARING – RE-DISTRICTING PROPOSALS

Supervisor Jessie Medlin opened the Public Hearing stating the purpose of approving the Re-Districting plans for the Board of Supervisors Districts and the School Board & Election Commission Districts. Supervisor Medlin presented Chris Watson, from Bridge & Slaughter Planning Consultants, who would describe the plan to the public.

Chris Watson said the purpose of the redistricting plan was due to the demographic changes that have taken place in DeSoto County. Mr. Watson said the current district have a 46.6% minority imbalance, whereas the Justice Department allows only a 10% imbalance. Mr. Watson said the 2000 data received from the Census Bureau was used to create a balance in the population for DeSoto County Redistricting. Mr. Watson there were four things they looked at to create this plan. (1) The first step is to determine the need. They wanted to minimize the impact to the voting precinct, but due to the growth of the County there were significant changes that had to be made to correct the imbalance in districts. (2) They wanted to maintain visible boundaries along visible objects, such as creeks and streets, and not on section lines. (3) They wanted to keep incumbents in their present districts. (4) Due to the Voting Rights Act, they were required to protect the minority vote in DeSoto County. Mr. Watson said all of this has worked to create the new districts with the 5.5% deviation to the districts.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin explained to the public that the Board of Supervisors, School Board and the Election Commissioners plan would all be voted on at the same time.

Mr. Watson said there have been 20 copies of this plan placed in the County for the public to have looked at prior to this public hearing. County Administrator David Armstrong said the

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newspapers have also run copies of the plan in their papers. Supervisor John Caldwell asked how far out could adjustments be made to the plan. Mr. Watson said if changes were made after the plan was adopted by the Board, they would have to readvertise. Mr. Armstrong said there was a meeting held of the Council of Governments on Friday, March 15, 2002 and there were no problems brought up on the redistricting plan. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Mr. Watson if his company was working with the Cities on their redistricting plans. Mr. Watson said they have not started yet, but they are collecting data and they are aware of the difference in the City and County elections.

Mr. Watson said the County School Board election coming up this year requires the redistricting plans to be adopted as soon as possible. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if the Board had determined to use this plan for the School Board election. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin suggested the Board to adopt a plan to have in place for the School Board election. Election Commissioner Paul Beale said if the redistricting plan is not approved by the deadline date, they will use the existing lines for the election. Mr. Watson said the redistricting plans could be done, but the Circuit Clerk has to have the poll books updated before the election. Bobby Chamberlin said there is a 60 day pre clearance required.

Supervisor Caldwell asked when the Board would see written legal descriptions on the plans. Mr. Watson said once the plan is adopted, there would be a written description sent to the Board within the week.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how the Board would know what to do when the precincts have not been decided upon? Mr. Watson said the Cities have to have the changes on the precincts also and that any precinct changes need to be submitted with the redistricting plans at the same time for approval by the Justice Department.

After hearing no public comment on these proposed district boundaries, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to adopt the Redistricting Alternate Plan "D" for the Board of Supervisors, the School Board and the Election Commissioners. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing on the Redistricting Plan for the Board of Supervisors, School Board and Election Commissioners. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisors Jessie Medlin opened the Public Hearing for the Justice Court Redistricting Plan, Alternate "C".

Chris Watson said the Justice Court Judges and the Constables have changed plans in District 2 and District 4. Mr. Watson said to address these changes and concerns the Justice Court Judges and Constables worked as a team and submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors to authorize the Alternate Plan "C". Mr. Watson said due to the population, the law dictates a requirement for a fourth judge and constable in DeSoto County, so the plan that was proposed had to be changed and thereby Alternate Plan "C" was agreed to by all concerned. Mr. Watson said from a numerical standpoint the plan has a 8.8% deviation, but this is within the limits allowed by the Justice Department.

Election Commissioner Ted Mayhall asked if the Justice Court Plan Alternate "C" would split more precincts. Mr. Watson said it would create a few more splits.

Larry Vaughn, a DeSoto County resident, said he saw the plan at the Library and he wanted to know why the City Mayors were not present today to voice their opinions. Mr. Vaughn said he was a resident of Southaven and this plan is a concern, and that the politics is also important. Mr. Vaughn said the area along Goodman Road will be split between two Cities now.

Supervisor John Caldwell said the City Mayors have been aware of these plans and this public

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hearing. If there were any concerns they have, they should have been present today to voice them. Mr. Vaughn said that Mayor Davis and Mayor Rikard have a right to review these plans. Supervisor Eugene Thach said he had taken the plans to Mayor Davis to look at and he had no problem with them. Supervisor Thach said that if there were any major problems with the plans then the Board would address the problem. Supervisor Thach said the annexing areas would be a concern for the City redistricting plans. After a closer look, Mr. Vaughn said the final changes requested by the Justice Court Judges and Constables took care of his concerns.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adopt the Justice Court Redistricting Plan Alternate “C”, based on the recommendations of the Justice Court Judges and the Constables. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing on the Justice Court Redistricting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Circuit Clerk Dale Thompson said the Election Commissioners need to meet with each Supervisor on the precinct changes.

Chris Watson said the precinct changes need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors to submit with the redistricting plans. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Dale Thompson if they needed to have a workshop on the precincts. Dales Thompson said they have already met with Supervisor Caldwell and Supervisor Lewis regarding their areas and it would probably be better to meet with each individual Supervisor. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the Board would have to give notices on the precinct decisions. ****See Exhibit C****

D. OLD BUISINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Comptroller - Joyce Riales

a. Budget Amendment – Election Commission Equipment

Comptroller Joyce Riales said to pay for the election equipment that was received on March 1, 2002, she needed to have this budget amendment approved by the Board. County Administrator David Armstrong said the City of Southaven has paid their \$50,000 pledge, but we have not heard from the other Cities, yet.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the Budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Election Commission as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>Total</u>
001-180-935	Other Mach. & Equip.	0	259,000	0	259,000
001-180-804	Lease Purchase Principle	50,000	0	50,000	0
001-180-805	Lease Purchase Interest	12,500	0	12,500	0
001-000-307	Reimburse from Cities	0	120,000	0	120,000
001-901-999	Ending Cash Balance	8,013,841		76,500	7,937,341
	Totals	8,076,341	139,000	139,000	8,076,341

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES

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Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
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Supervisor John Caldwell YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis YES

****See Exhibit E.1.a****

b. Budget Amendment – County Engineer

County Administrator David Armstrong said the budget for the County Engineer was set up without an employee on board. Mr. Armstrong said he and Andy Swims discussed some budget alignments to take care of actual expenses that would be spent. Mr. Armstrong said he is recommending this budget amendment to the Board.

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Acct.#	Description	Budget	Increase	Decrease	Total
001-156-406	Eng./Tech.		52,007		52,007
001-156-465	St. Retire.		5,071		5,071
001-156-466	Soc. Sec.		3,979		3,979
001-156-467	Workers Comp		1,493		1,493
001-156-468	Group Ins.	6,120	2,925		9,045
001-156-475	Travel		300		300
001-156-476	Meals & Lodg.		1,075		1,075
001-156-501	Postage		100		100
001-156-502	Telephone	500	490		990
001-156-521	Legal Adv.	1,200		184	1,016
001-156-523	Contract. Print		250		250
001-156-555	Eng./Appra. Fees	148,000		8,800	140,000
001-156-570	Ins. & Fidelity Bonds		50		50
001-156-571	Dues & Sub.		500		500
001-156-587	Train. & Reg.		800		800
001-156-594	Other Contractual Services		55		55
001-156-603	Office Sply.		1,634		1,634
001-156-606	Computer Sply.		1,480		1,480
001-156-610	Professional Sply.		1,304		1,304
001-156-671	Gasoline		650		650
001-156-674	Oil & Grease		100		100
001-156-681	Vehicle Maint.			250	
250					
001-156-934	Furniture Sply.			1,495	
1,495					
001-156-935	Other Mach.		250		250
001-156-936	Computer Equip.		400		400
001-156-941	Computer Software		7,204		7,204
Sub-total Engineer Budget		156,620	83,862	8,984	231,498
001-901-999	Ending Cash	7,937,341		74,878	7,862,463
Total Amendment		8,093,961	83,862	83,862	8,093,961

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.1.b****

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the County Engineer Andy Swims if he would be able to do the right of way surveys necessary for the County. Andy Swims said he could do the legal descriptions for right of way, but he would have to work with Daniel Murphy for the surveying projects. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked Andy if

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this Board needs to give him any directions regarding priorities. Andy Swims said he would like to give the Board a presentation about the things he is working on. Andy said his main priority has been to put out fires for the public. David Armstrong said he would have Daniel Murphy and Andy Swims to meet with him to develop the priorities for the Road Manager’s needs. Andy Swims said he knows that the Planning Commission has areas that need work regarding subdivisions and the review of ordinances on developers plans. Supervisor Thach said he would like to hear from the County Engineer on a monthly basis regarding projects he is working on. Andy Swims said he would prefer to do this. Supervisor Lewis said they want to be sure he is getting the guidance from the Board as to the priority on projects. Andy Swims said he gets the copies of the Board minutes in the areas that concern the County Engineer.

c. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Trustmark National Bank, which was the high bidder that placed its bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
3/14/02	Trustmark	1,250,000	6/27/02	105	1.85%	8618436

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.1.c****

d. Interfund Transfer of Metro Seized Funds

At the recommendation of Comptroller Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize and instruct the Chancery Clerk, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to transfer the following forfeited funds that were seized by Metro Narcotics:

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Date Seized</u>	<u>County Receipt</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DC-02-0238	Clarence Wallace	12/08/01	12982	\$995.00

Transfer From 123-900-950	Metro Narcotics Seized	\$995.00
Transfer To 105-000-384	Metro Narcotics Forfeitures	\$995.00

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.1.d****

e. Quarterly Budget Allotments

In accordance with Section 27-1-32 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, which allows the Board of Supervisors to set aside, appropriate and expend moneys from the general fund for the purpose of supplementing the budget of the offices of Sheriff, Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the quarterly allocations for the Sheriff, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector as recommended by the Comptroller as follows:

1. Tax Assessor	Dept. 103	\$ 215,641.25
2. Tax Collector	Dept. 104	\$ 201,919.75

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3. Sheriff Department	Dept. 200	\$ 143,659.91
Aviation	Dept. 201	\$ 22,474.25
Patrol/Law Enforc.	Dept. 202	\$ 989,997.50
Custody of Prisoner	Dept. 220	\$ 581,566.00
Prisoner Medical	Dept. 222	\$ 122,500.00
Juvenile Detention	Dept. 223	\$ 42,268.25
Rescue Unit	Dept. 225	\$ 7,315.00
Total Sheriff		\$1,909,780.91

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.1.e****

f. Supplemental Claims

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks presented the supplementary claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of March 18, 2002.

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said the State was short in sales tax receipts and he asked the Comptroller what amount was returned to the County. Ms. Riales said the County received \$1.2 million, but that the County budget for this quarter was \$1.3 million to be received. Mr. Davis said he does not think the State will make up this shortage to the County, even through they are saying they will make it up to the County with the September quarter.

In accordance with Section 19-13-31 and Section 19-11-23 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the Chancery Clerk to pay the bills as presented by the Comptroller in the amount of \$1,419,448.61. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Kim Terrell, Executive Director DeSoto County Visitors Bureau

Dr. Ed Franklin, Chairman of the Civic Center Board, introduced Kim Terrell to the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Franklin said Ms. Terrell has been hired to be the Director of Tourism for DeSoto County. Dr. Franklin said they have two employees at this time and that Ms. Terrell will report to Max May, CVB Executive Board member.

Kim Terrell said she has worked Hospitality & Tourism and Sales & Marketing in Tunica County and that she has close ties with Memphis and Tunica County. Ms. Terrell said the Tourism office would be located in a section of the Austin Building on the Courthouse Square in Hernando. Ms. Terrell said they are designing a logo for the County and that she would be meeting with the Cities and Chambers to see what needs to be offered. Ms. Terrell said she would look at a four month plan to develop. County Administrator David Armstrong asked how she would work with the Cities. Ms. Terrell said she would look at their calendar of events that are not a part of the CVB’s calendar.

Dr. Franklin said the budget for the County Tourism comes under the CVB and that they would like everything done under DeSoto County Tourism, but they also want to represent everybody in the County. Dr. Franklin said everything Ms. Terrell does would fall under the CVB accounting. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if there were any private companies contributing to our tourism. Dr. Franklin said they plan to apply for grants from the State for the City and State tourism. Dr. Franklin said some funds would come from the Cities for tourism. Mr. Franklin said they don’t want to hurt the Chambers so they are working together with all the Chambers.

3. Approval of Metro Narcotics to Refund Funds from Seizure Account

County Administrator David Armstrong said an answer was not filed in time and the Court granted the judgement for default for Walter Anthony Barbour. Board Attorney

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Bobby Chamberlin said he would have to check to see why an answer was not filed. Mr. Armstrong said since the Court has issued the order the County has no choice but to refund the \$5,960 to the Chatham Law Firm for their client Walter Anthony Barbour. Bobby Chamberlin said the money will have to be refunded, but the failure to answer to the claim needs to be addressed.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the refund based on the Order Granting Default Judgement, to the Chatham Law Firm for their client Walter Anthony Barbour, from the DeSoto County Metro Narcotics Seizure Account in the amount of \$5,960. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.3****

4. Approval for Board President to Sign Tire Disposal Contract

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to recommend approval of the Tire Disposal Contract with Resourceful Environmental Services, Inc., Ripley, MS. Mr. Bearden stated the contract terms have not changed with passenger car tires being \$.75 each, truck tires being \$3.50 each, and off road tire being \$25.00 each.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said the tire grants will end at some point, and asked what is being done by the County to prevent the dumping of tires. Mr. Bearden said all tire dealerships have to submit \$1.00 into the tire fund. Supervisor Lewis asked if the County is having a problem with tire dumping now. Mr. Bearden said sometimes they have gone into an area and found disposed tires. Mr. Bearden said he felt that a tire dealer is doing this. Mr. Bearden said they recently found tires thrown out in a new subdivision that was being developed. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said enforcement needs to be done to catch these individuals and he would have to look up what the State Law is on improper disposal of tires and batteries.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the Board President to sign the Tire Disposal Contract with Resourceful Environmental Services, Inc. for a term set to expire December 31, 2002. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**** See Exhibit E.4****

5. Planning Commission

a. Clarifying Name of Subdivision, Sanders Farm

Michael Garriga, County Planner, addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding a request by the landowners for a change to the official name of the development. Mr. Garriga said on March 6, 2002, the Board heard the Sanders Farm Planned Unit Development rezoning case. The owners of the property would like for the records to read Spencer-Sanders Farm.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the name change on all documents from Sanders Farm to be Spencer-Sanders Farm. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES

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Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
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County Planner Michael Garriga asked how a misspelled road name should be corrected on a platted subdivision. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said the engineer should come by his office and the Planning Commission office to correct the plat.

b. Plant change to Land Records

Michael Garriga stated that the Forest Meadows Phase 2 development, by Developer Dan Brown, has misspelled a street on the recorded plat. The street spelled Keenlan should be corrected to Keelan on the plat in land records. Mr. Garriga asked the Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis if this would require all new documents to be recorded, or if they could simply go to the land record office and make the necessary name change on the existing plat. Mr. Davis said to come to the land record office and make the change. No motions were made on this item.

6. Authorization to Open Bids for State Aid Project CO-17(3) –Civic Center Drive on April 12, 2002 10 A.M.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the Civic Center Drive on April 12, 2002 at 10 a.m. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

****See Exhibit E.6****

7. Approval of Change Order for Miller Voting Precinct

Vanessa Lynchard said the change order for Miller Voting Precinct is to deduct the unused contingency from the contract amount, in the amount of \$5,000.00, that was not used in the construction. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the change order or the Miller Voting Precinct. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.7****

8. Approval to Pay I-69 Commitments

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County has received the request for the 2002 Annual Financial Support of the I-69 Mid-Continent Highway Coalition. Supervisor Thach said the request is for \$5,400, but the City of Southaven has paid \$500 and the other three Cities will pay \$500 each and the County's portion is \$3,400. The County should pay the balance of \$4,900 and let the Cities reimburse the County.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked when the decision would be made on the route that I-69 will take. Supervisors Thach said the decision should be made by the end of 2002 or early spring 2003.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve payment of \$4,900 for the 2002 Annual Financial Support of the I-69 Mid-Continent Highway Coalition. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.8****

9. Approval for Board President to Sign CDBG Agreement for Brentwood Originals

County Administrator David Armstrong said he would like to hold this item over until the first of April Board meeting. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold this item over until April 1, 2002 Board meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.9****

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10. Chancery Clerk Allowance

On this date, County Administrator David Armstrong presented on behalf of the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis, an order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the March 2002 Term in the amount of \$1,436.66. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.10****

11. Circuit Clerk Allowance

On this date, County Administrator David Armstrong said the Circuit Clerk Allowance have been received, but he has not looked over the expenses in order to present them on behalf of Circuit Court Clerk Dale Thompson. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve these payments, subject to the County Administrator’s approval and pursuant to Sections 25-7-13 and Section 43-21-205 of the Mississippi code of 1972, Annotated.

An Order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the Circuit Court February 2002 Term in the amount of \$8,456.00, County Court for the February 2002 Term in the amount of \$3,058.00, Youth Court for the February 2002 Term in the amount of \$5,338.00, and Vacation Days Allowances to the Circuit Clerk for February 2002 in the amount of \$900.00 was subsequently approved by the County Administrator.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.11****

12. Advertising County Resources – Hernando Middle School Choir

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion, and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to move funds from the District 5 Park Fund to the Advertising County Resources Fund in order to advertise DeSoto County Resources by contributing \$ 150.00 to the Hernando Middle School Choral, to travel to the State Competition at Pearl, Mississippi on April 8, 2002. In accordance with Section 17-3-3 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County. The Board of Supervisors noted that a banner must be placed at the site, advertising the resources of DeSoto County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit E.12****

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called “Executive Session.”

G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Homestead

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust the homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk, as follows:

PARCEL NUMBER & LOCATION	PARCEL NUMBER & LOCATION
2082-1004.0-00099.00 - County	1088-3302.0-01285.00 – Horn Lake
2065-1600.0-00031.00 - County	3074-2001.0-00011.00 - County

The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit G.1****

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2. DeSoto Dance Team

Supervisor Eugene Thach said he had received a request from the DeSoto Dance Team

for support from the County. Supervisor Thach said the request stated they were a non-profit organization, but he did not know this organization. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board of Supervisors should establish a policy guideline in order to be fair to all organizations in the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if Supervisor Lewis and Supervisor Caldwell would work as a committee to establish guidelines for the Board in order to be fair in awarding funds to organizations in the County upon request by the organizations for contributions from Advertising County Resources.

Supervisor Thach requested to investigate the DeSoto Dance Team to make sure they are eligible for the funds requested. No motions were made on this item.

3. Roads – Getwell - McInvale

County Road Manager Russell Dorris appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids for the construction of a section on Getwell Road from Cleveland Road to Bolin Road and the County would do the construction of McInvale Road from Byhalia Road to Green T Road.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thought everything had been cleared on this section of Getwell Road so the County could do the work. Mr. Dorris said this has been done, but the County does not have enough equipment and operators to do this project and the McInvale project. Mr. Dorris said that he has concerns about the traffic in this area of Getwell, and he feels that a contractor could do the project faster and better than the County could do the work. Supervisor John Caldwell said he felt the traffic on McInvale Road was greater and that it should be done by a contractor and the County should take bids for both Getwell and McInvale.

Mr. Dorris said that Central Maintenance could do the simple things for the County, but professionals should do the heavy construction on roads. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that if this is the route the County goes on road construction, then the Road Manager may want to look at the equipment the County has, and we may need to sell it if we are not going to use it. Mr. Dorris said there was some equipment that would need to be sold, but a lot of the equipment should be updated.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve going out for bid on the construction sections of Getwell Road from Cleveland Road to Bolin Road and the construction of McInvale Road from Byhalia Road to Green T Road. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Medlin said he felt that the County could do the Getwell Road construction was the reason for his vote being no. Supervisor Medlin said the construction on McInvale is more complex due to the golf course and traffic and should be done by professionals.

Supervisor Lewis said the McInvale Road extension to Green T needs to be in place so the County can get an intersection with the Hwy 304 pathway by MDOT. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said that MDOT has not committed to do this and they do not have plans to do this interchange, because this area is close to the other interchanges. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said maybe the County should do another resolution for the intersection on

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Hwy 304 at McInvale Road. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said it would help to do this because MDOT would not be able to say they haven’t heard from the Board of Supervisors in DeSoto County. Supervisor Lewis said it would be vital to the eastern

side of Hernando for the intersection. Supervisor Jessie Medlin suggested to also requests an interchange at Red Banks Road on the eastern side of the County.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve sending a resolution to MDOT for a intersection on Hwy 304 at McInvale Road in Hernando and at Red Banks Road, DeSoto County, Mississippi and authorized the Chamberlin/Nowak Law Firm to draw up the resolution. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

4. Travel – E.Gov Conference

Supervisor John Caldwell requested approval from the Board of Supervisors for travel to the E.gov Conference on April 3, 2002, for the Director of Data Information Systems Larry Woods and himself. The cost for registration fee is \$59.00 per person. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the travel expense of Supervisor John Caldwell and Director of Data Information Systems Larry Woods to travel to the E.gov Conference on April 3, 2002, and authorized the clerk to write the checks for the registration fee of \$59.00 per person. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	ABSENT
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

5. Overlay Contract

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the County Road Manager Russell Dorris to get a list of roads for the overlay contract for 2003 to each Supervisor so they can vote on a proposed overlay contract. No motions were made on this item.

6. Metro Narcotics – Board Attorney

Board Attorney Bill Austin said Sheriff James Albert Riley has requested approval from the Board of Supervisors to have the Board Attorney attend the Metro Narcotics Control Board meetings. County Administrator David Armstrong said a part of the Board Attorney’s authority is to attend to the Sheriff’s requirements. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the request of the Sheriff for the Board Attorney to attend the Metro Narcotics Control Board meetings. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

7. Mid State Opportunity - Bus

Supervisor Jessie Medlin requested an update on the status of the Mid State Opportunity’s personnel hiring to run the bus. Vanessa Lynchard said she had received a call from Mitiz Woods at Mid State Opportunity saying that they have not been able to locate someone to drive the bus, and that the additional paperwork requirement for the office personnel could not be done. Vanessa Lynchard stated they have requested that whoever they hire will have to handle the paperwork involved for people they transport on the bus.

County Administrator David Armstrong said an AG Opinion had come back that Mid State would have to do all maintenance to the buses, and that the County can not do this for them.

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he sent a lady to Mid State to apply for a job but did not know if they hired her. Supervisor Medlin asked the Board Attorney if the County could operate a bus for handicapped people in the County. Bill Austin said he would have to check to see what could be done and bring back a recommendation to the Board. No

motions were made on this item.

8. Second Floor Renovation

County Administrator David Armstrong said that Marvin Johnson was in the hospital and he wanted to discuss the proposed second floor renovation with him before bringing it to the Board. Mr. Armstrong said District Attorney John Champion was present today to discuss the proposed move to the second floor. Mr. Champion said he has received a Federal grant that would allow him to hire an assistant attorney, which would let him devote two attorneys to DeSoto County. Mr. Champion said he does not have the space to put anyone else in the existing office. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if he could store any documents at another location to free up space. Mr. Champion said his files have to be accessible at all times for the cases being heard by the Judges. Mr. Champion set if he is moved to the second floor location at the Administration Building, he would like to install the electronic filing system like the ones in the Courthouse. Mr. Champion said he has 59 filing cabinets at this time and that is not including the boxes they have that have to go to the Courthouse during trials. Mr. Champion said he has received an estimate of \$18,000 for the electronic filing system and he would be willing to pay for this out of the funds he receives from the State and other Counties.

Jim Bearden, Director of Operations & Maintenance, said he had received an estimate of \$130,000 to renovate the second floor offices. Supervisor John Caldwell said if the County sells the existing District Attorney's building we could use these funds for the renovation. Mr. Champion said they need access to the Courthouse as quickly as possible since they have 20 scheduled weeks of court plus extra dates, and that they could be called at a moment's notice to come to court.

Mr. Champion said Senator Bobby Chamberlin has introduced a Bill to have DeSoto County declared a separate District, which would allow only 5 or 6 staff members to work for the District Attorney. Mr. Champion said at this time he has a 14 member staff that covers Tate, Tallahatchie, DeSoto and Panola County. Mr. Champion said he is limited, by statute on the number of employees and he could not hire additional staff unless the Legislature allows it.

Supervisor John Caldwell said to put the building out for bids and if they are not good, it would be hard for the Board to renovate if they don't have the money to do so. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if there would be any requirements for furniture. Mr. Champion said he would take care of all the furniture, and if there was it would be mostly for chairs.

Mr. Armstrong asked Jim Bearden what could be done with the items that are being stored on the second floor location. Mr. Bearden said he would go through the items to see what could be discarded or sold.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said to put the existing DA building on the market to see what it would bring and that the County could possibly lease the building back for a time frame if needed. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said to get the building back on the tax roll and take it off the County insurance. Mr. Armstrong asked Jim Bearden how long it would take to get the renovations done. Mr. Bearden said it would take about five months to complete.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to declare the building located at 2584 U. S. Highway 51 South, Hernando, MS

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as surplus property and to go out for bids to sell. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin NO

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Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

9. Department of Economic Development Project No. DECD-0017(29)B

Consulting County Engineer Daniel Murphy appeared before the Board of Supervisors requesting approval to release project DECD-0017(29)B for Polk Lane and Stateline Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the release, based on the recommendation of the Consulting County Engineer Daniel Murphy, on the DECD-0017(29)B for Polk Lane and Stateline Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. ****See Exhibit G.9****

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting until April 1, 2002 at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 18TH. day of March 2002, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie Medlin, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors